

Mobility Options IGA – Final

Issue:

1. Need for regional bodies with authority to make decisions, develop funding sources, provide planning and visioning, and ultimately build and maintain a true, integrated, multi-modal transportation system, including integration of transit non-motorized options, highways, waterways and air, to support both transportation and economic development.
2. The perception of transit is that service is unreliable, inconvenient, unattractive and needs improvement.
3. While we have a need for alternative modes, we treat transit as a subsidy and highways as an investment.
4. A need for better communication with the public about mobility options and how to use these options.

Goals:

1. Implement regionalized transit planning to adapt to changing needs and lifestyle of the population especially in prioritizing services to educational, employment and health care institutions.
2. Create seamless and cost effective connections between modes and public and private providers for everything from non motorized to air travel, including physical infrastructure, scheduling/routing, information and communication systems, etc.
3. Encourage and incentivize land uses in our urban areas that support and sustain a world class transit system that includes all modes particularly transit and non-motorized.

Actions:

1. Provide education and incentives to people, businesses and school systems to encourage utilization of mass transit (employee vouchers, rebates, insurance breaks, “live where you work” program, teach students to ride the bus)
2. Provide adequate and equitable funding that treats all modes not just highways as an investment.
3. Amend the state constitution to allow more options for local funding for regional public transportation, such as local sales tax, gas tax and tax from licensed vehicles.